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WEATHER FACTS.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Ohio: Fair weather, preceded by rain on latest stationary temperature, cooler Tuesday.

SPRINGFIELD, O.,
July 21, 1888.

THE REASON FOR IT

He smiled a sickly and misty smile, As he looked about the place, And had a don't-you-forget-it look In his rubicund, round face.

The reason for that was that he got into the wrong shop. When he struck The When his misfit smile changed till his mouth looked like a slice out of a watermelon—but it fit. So did the suit which he got; we make our garments; they are perfect in fit, quality and construction, and we sell them at maker's prices.

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THE BULL RUN BOYS.

Meeting of Company F at the G. A. R. Hall Friday Night.

The annual meeting of Co. F was held last Friday evening in the G. A. R. hall. President King occupied the chair. The roll was called by the secretary and the following comrades were present: David King, James R. Ambrose, C. S. Forgy, Harvey Hahn, C. C. Fried, W. H. Hamilton, Asa Hatch, E. P. Christie, W. J. Irwin and Isaac Kindie. The minutes of the meetings held in 1886 and 1887 were read and approved.

On motion Messrs. Christie and Kindie were appointed to prepare a book for minutes and records, and same, after completion, to be kept in a fire proof safe. Comrade Fried tendered the use of his safe, which was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton it was decided to hold a company reunion next year, upon the call of the president.

Letters were read by the secretary from Comrades Quincy A. Pettit, W. D. Stillman, Earl Bradford and H. P. Christie.

Report was made by President King of the death of Comrade E. G. Squier during the past year, he having died near Chicago, Ill. His request was to be brought to Springfield to be buried, and that Co. F should have charge of same, under direction of Captain King, which was done.

It was moved that an assessment of 50 cents be made upon each member this year for the purpose of paying expenses, the secretary to notify members. Carried.

On motion, the company adjourned by singing "Mary Had a Little Lamb," by Christie.

ISAAC KINDIE, Secretary.

PROMINENT LITIGANTS.

The Four Manufacturing Company and the Springfield Engine and Thresher Company in Court.

The Four Manufacturing Company vs. The Springfield Engine and Thresher Company is the title of a case in which the plaintiff brings suit upon a patent owned by it, and covering what is known as the double crusher or the double breaker grinding mill, for infringement, and for the recovery of profits, damages and costs. The principal allegation in the bill charges the defendants with infringements, even after being notified that the mill known as "The Kelly Duplex," with the double breakers or the double crusher feature, was an infringement of the plaintiff's patented rights.

The plaintiffs further alleged that the defendants have knowingly distributed, illustrated and printed matter of such mill and have exhibited at the Clark county agricultural fair and other fairs the infringing mill, and have put said mill upon the market to the great injury of the plaintiff, whose double grinder scientific mill, known as "the best mill on earth," had acquired a reputation for great capacity in grinding corn on the cob for feed, and in reducing other refractory material.

SECOND EDITION. 4:15 P. M.

JIM BLAINE, OF MAINE.

Immense Demonstration on His Arrival, August 7th—50,000 Men to be in the Procession.

Five Thousand Boats to be in the Maine Fleet—One Thousand Clubs Will be Represented—Mr. Blaine to Speak at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

By the Associated Press.

New York, July 23.—Mr. James G. Blaine's reception, on his return from Europe, promises to be one of the greatest demonstrations ever witnessed in this country. From what is known it is believed that there will be over 50,000 people in line, in the parade which will march from Blaine's landing place to the Fifth Avenue hotel the night of August 7th. A grand water pageant will be represented on the arrival of the City of New York at quarantine. Every republican organization in the city will have a special tug chartered to meet "the man from Maine." The other republican clubs will each take similar action and it is believed that over 5,000 crafts of all descriptions will take part in the welcome. The New York club has already chartered the steamer Sam Sloane, which has a carrying capacity of 1,500.

The Sam Sloane will be used to transport the national committee, officers of the state committee, county committee and many other guests. Every boat in the big fleet owned by the Iron Steam Boat Co. has already been chartered. The steamboat men say that there is not an available tug along both fronts of the river, or in Brooklyn and New Jersey, which has not been hired for the great display. Clubs from Boston, Philadelphia and other cities along the eastern seaboard, will also have their boats in the parade. The home parade will be a monster. Secretary W. J. Jones says there will be more than 1,000 clubs represented in the parade, and that notifications from points as far inland as Ohio are daily pouring in. Mr. Blaine will review the big parade from the balcony of the Fifth Avenue hotel, and it is expected that he will make a short address to the multitude.

The Civil Service Report.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The president went to congress today a message transmitting the fourth report of the United States Civil Service Commission, covering the period between the 16th of January, 1886, and the 1st of July, 1887.

In the course of the message the president says: "The path of civil service reform is not at all times pleasant or easy, the purpose of reform having been much misunderstood, and this has not only given occasion to strong opposition, but has led to the invocation by its friends to compass objects not in the least related to it. The pettiness of the patronage system have naturally condemned. Those who do not understand its meaning mistook it, or, when disappointed because in its present stage it is not applied to every real or imaginary ill, accuse those charged with its enforcement with faithlessness to civil service reform."

"Its importance has frequently been underestimated and the support of good men has been lost by lack of interest in its success. Besides all these difficulties, those responsible for the administration of the government by its executive branches, have been and are still often annoyed and irritated by the interference and insolence of employees, who remain in place as beneficiaries and relics or reminders of the vicious system of appointment which civil service reform was intended to displace, and yet these are but incidents of an advance movement which is radical and far-reaching. The people are, notwithstanding, being made aware of the progress which has been made and upon the firm, practical and sensible foundation upon which this reform now rests."

"With a continuation of intelligent fidelity, which has hitherto characterized the work of the commission; with continuation and increase of the favor and liberty which has lately been evinced by congress in the proper equipment of the commission for its work; with firm but conservative and reasonable support of the reform by all its friends, and with disappearance of opposition which must inevitably follow its better understanding, the execution of the civil service law cannot fail to ultimately answer the hopes in which it was born."

Annexation of Cuba.

New York, July 23.—The Sun prints an interview with Ethan Allen, who has taken much interest in Cuban affairs, in which he says that the only hope for Cuba is in her annexation to this country. All our efforts should tend to the peaceful acquisition of Cuba. The great majority of the Cubans look upon this as their deliverance and their country's salvation. The only obstacle in the way is Spain and as she has already entertained the idea of disposing of Cuba, provided she can get her price, this difficulty is easily gotten over. "I advocate peaceful acquisition. In my judgment \$100,000,000 will secure this noble island to us. Congress ought to take the initiative at once. We have a surplus and are quarreling as to how to dispose of it. Here is a way in which it may be used, or a portion of it, with great profit in finance, and with great glory to our republic."

IT WAS NO CUTTING SCRAPE.

A Fainting Man Causes a Pained Reflection on the City Police.

A colored man named Dunn, living near Pittsburg, is in the city, visiting his brother-in-law, who lives next to the Spring street station. Dunn has a large wen growing on the side of his neck, and came to Springfield for treatment. Saturday night, while sitting in a barber shop, he fainted from the impingement to his breathing caused by the growth, and was carried to Dr. Russell's office by his brother and several other men. An opiate was administered for his relief, and as soon as cool weather comes he will be operated upon.

The spectacle of his being carried through the streets attracted considerable attention and gave rise to the report of a shadowy cutting scrape, published in a Sunday paper. In the same connection a story and unwarranted reflection was made upon the city police.

A Centennial Excursion.

Is nothing to be compared with a ride in one of Kugus & Sons' buggies. Try one and you will have no more.

THE BULL RUN ANNIVERSARY.

The Three Months' Survivors Meet at Franklin and Revive Old Recollections.

FRANKLIN, O., July 21.—Second annual reunion of the Society of First and Second Ohio Volunteers, (first three months' service).

Meeting called to order by Colonel David King, president.

Minutes of the meeting held July 21, 1887, read by Isaac Kindie, secretary, and approved.

W. H. Hamilton, treasurer, reported a balance on hand of \$38.15. On motion the report was received.

The committee at Franklin reported that there were no expenses there to be paid by the society.

It was moved by General Raynor that no assessment of dues be made on members at this meeting. Carried.

On motion a recess was taken for a few minutes in order that comrades might sign the constitution and pay the membership fee of \$1.

It was moved that the secretary be paid \$10 per year for services, postage, etc. Carried.

On motion Thomas Bishop, Co. K, First New Jersey regiment, was elected to honorary membership.

As the anniversary occurs next year on Sunday it was decided by the society to hold the next reunion on Thursday, July 10th, 1889. On the question of location for next meeting, Columbus, National Soldiers' home, Dayton, Orphans' home, at Xenia, and Cincinnati were suggested.

Upon a rising vote taken the society decided to hold their meeting July 18, 1889, at Cincinnati, O.

Election of officers for the ensuing year is as follows: Colonel George M. Fitch, of Cincinnati, president; Lieutenant J. K. Jones, Columbus, first vice president; Lieutenant J. H. Winder, Dayton, second vice president; Major J. S. Ostrander, Richmond, Ind., third vice president; Isaac Kindie, Springfield, secretary; W. H. Hamilton, Springfield, treasurer.

Letters from comrades expressing their regrets that they could not attend the meeting of the society were read by the secretary from Colonel Len A. Harris, J. K. Hinson, Co. G, First O. V. L., Menasha, Wis.; G. W. Chase, Lieutenant Co. H, First O. V. L., Newark, O.; E. J. Tuttle, Co. B, Second O. V. L., Amherst, Ala.; Henry S. Cobb, Co. B, Second O. V. L., Louisville, Ky.; Quincy A. Pettit, Co. F, Second O. V. L., New York city; Lieut. H. P. Christie, Co. F, Second O. V. L., New York city and others.

The subject of place of meeting and headquarters of society at Columbus, during the G. A. R. national encampment, was discussed. On motion J. K. Jones, of Columbus, was appointed with power to add to committee to secure a place for said headquarters of society during said encampment. On motion a vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers of the society.

On motion a committee was selected to ascertain and furnish some history of the First and Second Ohio regiments (three months' service), the same to be furnished General Agtine, A. G. of Ohio, to be placed in the hands of said two regiments. Gen. W. H. Raynor, Toledo, Co. G, First Regiment; J. M. Daehler, Franklin, O., Co. F, First regiment; Col. David King, Springfield, O., Co. F, Second regiment; C. S. Forgy, Forgy P. O., O., Co. F, Second regiment, were selected as said committee.

Comrades that can furnish any history of either regiment will confer a favor by sending same to one of the named committees on or before the time of holding the national encampment at Columbus, O., in September.

On motion of Col. Wilson that a committee be appointed to order by-law, or section of the constitution and by-law, or section upon at our next meeting so that an auxiliary organization may be formed by the male descendants of members of this society for the purpose of perpetuation of the same. Carried.

The president appointed Col. Wilson, E. E. Isbell and M. W. Earhart said committee.

Adjourned for dinner.

Nearly two hours were spent in partaking of dinner (an army one) beans, s. b., hard tack, coffee, etc., and in social chats among the comrades.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order by President King, and Comrade Daehler announced as master of ceremonies.

Singing of "America" by choir.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. McWhinney.

Address by Comrade Daehler, in which a hearty, cordial and sincere welcome was extended to all visiting comrades.

Response and address by Colonel Lewis Wilson, which was warmly listened to by the comrades and citizens in attendance. Colonel Wilson reviewed the cause which compelled the president to call for 75,000 men; also the prompt response to said call and the organization of the two Ohio regiments, and gave an account of procuring arms and getting to Washington. The colonel also makes the claim that the general government has never properly recognized the men who answered the first call of President Lincoln. They left their homes, families and business at a moment's notice, some of them at a great sacrifice and the general government should give them some special recognition by a testimonial in some form.

Song by C. C. Vickers, "We Are Thinking on the Old Camp Ground."

Address by Hon. H. L. Morey.

Musical by band.

Address by Comrade David King, reciting and giving the incidents of the march of the Second regiment through the city of Baltimore, colors flying, band playing national airs, muskets loaded and capped, and boys ready to shoot if necessary.

SUNDAY NIGHT PLAY.

The Sun, Moon and Earth Have a Game at Peek-a-boo and the Moon is Lost.

The Solar System for the Cast, the Trackless Heavens for a Theater, and the Witnessing Earth for an Audience.

Astronomical observations were the popular pastime Sunday night and largely occupied the time and attention of the people after church. The earth was down on the bills to eclipse the moon, and the part was carried out in good form. There was a hearty and enthusiastic encore, but the earth failed to respond, and went right along without any interruption in the remaining part of the programme. It was a game of peek-a-boo, and the moon got it on the sun by hiding behind a star, where it remained for more than an hour before "found," and now it is the moon's turn to be "it."

It is not the desire of the REPUBLIC to reflect on the moral conduct of the moon, but she was so unattractive, and at night, and this opinion is corroborated by many witnesses who observed her conduct. And then the propriety of the combination giving a Sunday night entertainment is questionable. But it is a rare show, only billed for the same town once in a great many years, as the company make stands in all the small towns, including Dayton, as well as the larger cities, and probably will not show up again in Springfield for many years.

It was an outdoor entertainment, and the clear sky and cool, bracing atmosphere added greatly to the attractiveness and brilliancy of the show. The house of the entertainment was propped up by full dress costumes, as understood in fashionable society, which means largely undress, but the privacy of a private box, for the entire house, rendered those not only comfortable, but added greatly to the comfort and convenience of the audience. The REPUBLIC's society man is out of town, so a description of toilets is not attempted. They are all passed with one sweeping action, grand, lovely, divine. One thing was noticeable, however, the ladies following the edict of Mrs. Cleveland—bustles were in most cases discarded.

A total eclipse of the moon can only occur when the position of the sun, earth and moon to each other are such that a straight line would pass through the center of each. The earth is so much larger than the moon that its shadow is cast far beyond the latter, so that in times of total eclipse the moon is entirely immersed in it. The penumbra, or partial shadow on the sides of the darkness, which is cone-shaped, is due to refraction of the sunlight in the atmosphere. The moon, during an eclipse, goes into the partial shade of the penumbra, becoming dimmed, and then advanced into the central darkness. Presently it passes through the penumbra on the other side, coming out again, and the eclipse is over.

The penumbra as viewed here was entered at 9:13 and the shadow at 10:33; total eclipse at 11:39 and so remained until 1:30 this morning. The middle of the eclipse was reached at 12:34. The moon left the shadow at 1:14 and the penumbra at 3:13. The eclipse was not total darkness, but a copper-colored shade was cast over the face of the Luna.

In addition to the many thorough private boxes the dress circle, parquette, gallery and pit were all crowded with interested spectators, and the entire house, today, is that the exhibition was everything it was advertised to be.

LUXAN LIGHTS.

The moon had a weird, coppery color.

Did anyone discover a satellite to the moon?

The moon did not forget its lines according to programme.

There were many private observation parties in different parts of town.

Opera glasses and all kinds of astronomical instruments were in great demand.

One little girl thought it "not fair to snuff the moon when it was so bright."

The curtain went up about fifteen minutes before advertised time, according to local watches.

One reporter declares he saw a ghost at a south market street window last night, about 12 o'clock.

The mild evening made the eclipse a regular gala occasion, and thousands watched its progress.

Some foolish people used smoked glass, through which to watch the eclipse. This was not a bright idea.

It was the most successful eclipse for some time. Thanks are due to the leading observatories of the country.

The dear beaux had the advantage of the fond mothers last night. The moon's freak was an excellent excuse for prolonged calls.

The stars shone out with unweakened splendor during the moon's darkening. They all peeped out to watch the downfall of the queen of night.

The Lunaries, if the moon is inhabited, enjoyed the spectacle of a total eclipse of the sun. The earth was squarely between the moon and the sun. The spectacle from the moon must have been most magnificent.

The moon had precisely the appearance of an egg looked at with a candle on the other side. The densest part of the shadow was a good imitation of the yolk. But oh, what an egg! Just 2,000 miles in diameter.

SERIOUSLY HURT.

Pat Bailey Walks Out of a Window on Scott Street, and Breaks Lots of Bones.

Patrick Bailey, boarding at Mrs. Burke's boarding house on Scott street, walked out of a second story window at about 3 o'clock Sunday morning and sustained injuries of a very serious character. It is stated that Bailey had been drinking, and that fact applied more directly to his case than the reported reason—somnambulism. He fell very violently and sustained a fracture of the left leg at the hip joint, and several broken ribs. Dr. Hall was called and rendered surgical attention, after which the injured man was removed to the hospital and received some necessary additional treatment from Dr. Russell, of the hospital staff.

The break in the leg is in what is known as the surgical neck, just below the hip socket, and it is a question whether or not he will ever completely recover the use of the limb.

No Inquest in Either Case.

There will be no inquest in the case of Isaac Arnold, who died at the American house, nor of little Joy Thalls, of Catherine street, as there is no phase of suspicion in either case, and the facts surrounding both deaths are unanimously concurred in. Coroner Bennett is saving the county lots of good money by his prudence, deliberation and good judgment.

Broke His Collar Bone.

A boy named Edward Conard, living on Maiden lane, had his collar bone broken this morning while playing with a companion. Dr. Russell reduced the fracture.

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY.

John Golden Held to Answer to a Serious Charge.

John Golden, a young farmer residing two miles north of the city, was arrested and jailed by Detective Norris and Officer Vivian Saturday night on the charge of forgery. The young man's crookedness extends, as alleged, over a long period of time and a considerable wad of finance. Norris paraded his man all over town in handcuffs before he finally put him behind the bars, and made everybody tired by his spectacular language and manners.

For several months past, Norris claims, Golden has at various times sold to curbstone brokers and note-shavers of the city notes on prominent and wealthy farmers of the county, the notes ranging in amount from \$100 to \$250, and aggregating, Detective Norris says, between one and two thousand dollars. Norris claims that all of well known men, and as the time of their maturity ranged from six months to a year, with 8 per cent. interest from the dates they were made, Golden had little difficulty in disposing of them, of course, at a liberal discount. The buyers never once suspected that they were not genuine until within a week or ten days, when the first of the notes matured. The paper was presented to the collection and in each instance the alleged maker of the notes pronounced them clever forgeries.

The note upon which the affidavit for Golden's arrest was sworn out was made to George M. Leffel of this city, and the copy of it in the affidavit reads as follows:

SPRINGFIELD, O., Jan. 14, 1888. Six months after date, we or either of us promise to pay to Geo. M. Leffel, or order, the sum of hundred dollars at the Legends National bank, Springfield, Ohio, for value received. Interest at 8 per cent. after date.

JOHN GOLDEN,
THOS. DONNELLY,
JOHN SCANTLING,
JOHN SCANTLING.

Mr. Leffel presented this note at the bank and it was pronounced a forgery. The alleged swindlers are all prominent and substantial farmers. Norris claims that there are numerous other forged notes.

Golden took his arrest very coolly, and after kissing his wife and one child good bye, accompanied the officers without difficulty. He strenuously protests his innocence, and says that when the proper time comes he will prove it to the satisfaction of all. A prominent local dry goods merchant told a KENTUCKIAN reporter this morning that Golden's arrest was a very timely one, as he had bought a big bill of goods and had it charged to a responsible citizen of this city. When the latter came to settle he repudiated Golden's bill, and the latter had to hustle around lively to escape arrest.

SABBATH IN CAMP.

Dayton and Springfield Y. M. C. A. Spend a Pleasant and Profitable Day.

As yet, but few of the association boys in Springfield have availed themselves of the opportunity for a few days' outing. The camp on Mad river, near Enon, affords an excellent chance for fishing, boating and outdoor sports. Yesterday was the first Sabbath in camp, and the day was observed with the usual 4 o'clock service. Small drovers had announced the meeting to the neighborhood, so a goodly number of visitors, probably two or three hundred, were present. The meeting was under the direction of Mr. Palmer, assistant secretary of the Dayton association. Music was furnished by a quartette from the Springfield association—Messrs. Benschberg, Sellers, Hypes and Pearce.

Rev. Mr. Dudley pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Enon, made a splendid talk, as did others from the neighborhood. Services will be held at the same hour next Sabbath.

NOTES.

A large flag floats in the midst of the camp.

A beautiful flag floats serenely over the midst of the camp.

The dining table bears the inscription, "The Palmer House."

A number of Springfield boys drove down in a large wagon in the afternoon.

Messrs. Will Stickey and Fred Pike added to the effect of the singing with their cornets.

Kumler, of Dayton, seemed to be the attraction of a number of the rosy cheeked damsels who dropped in to see the camp. Ah, there, Kumler.

The boys are faring well from the culinary department, which is stocked with all that heart could wish—about all. If water gets too warm camp, but then Marquart enjoys going to Enon, with a bucket on each arm, three times a week.

ANOTHER MAN MISSING.

This Time Champaign County Furnishes the Subject.

Another man in Champaign county has mysteriously left his family and gone to parts unknown. This time it is James Blaylock, of the northern part of Salem township. Whether he has gone, or for what reason he departed, no one seems able to tell. Last Tuesday evening he requested his wife to take his little three-year-old child and go to her father, Samuel Kavanaugh, and remain over night, as he was going to West Liberty and would not get back until late. Next morning he did not return and the next day glided by and still he failed to put in an appearance. Search for him failed to throw any light upon his sudden departure. His trunk and valise were both gone and about \$400 in money. Friends of the family visited West Liberty, Bellefontaine and this city, but no trace of the missing man could be found. No reason can be given for the departure and his disappearance has caused considerable talk.—Urbana Citizen.

Battle of Brothers-in-Law.

Saturday evening Charles H. Berry and A. C. Rockaford, both pension attorneys and brothers-in-law, met in the postoffice and engaged in a heated discussion, and a hot battle ensued. Berry called Rockaford some vile name. Stamp Clerk McKenna ordered them out of the post office. They retired to the street in front of the postoffice and resumed the combat viciously. Berry cut Rockaford a hard one on the head and the two together literally wiped the pavement with Berry, he being severely punished. All were arrested.

Another Unpleasant Gas Well.

Two years ago the REPUBLIC had a big feature article upon a gas well that had been located in Pettitew's stone quarry, through the assistance of a clairvoyant. It is now stated that the same clairvoyant has located a well on a line between the Eppley and Perrin farms, southwest of Springfield. He claims that it will be struck at 700 feet, and the gas found in a basin or drain. It is said that heavy capital will be put in the enterprise.

Skylight Broken.

When Cohan & Lynch's saloon, on Main street, was opened this morning it was found that one of the heavy skylights over the billiard room had been broken with a stone some time during Sunday. The stone was found on the roof, split squarely in two, and the floor was covered with heavy broken glass.

Released on Account of His Sister's Death.

Mike Ward, who was sent to the Dayton work house for house-breaking July 4, was released on half today to enable him to attend the funeral of his sister, who died yesterday.

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THE Y. M. C. A.

Monday Afternoon Meeting—Good talks and Excellent Music.

The attendance at the 4 o'clock Y. M. C. A. meet yesterday was fair, in spite of the fact that a delegation of workers had gone to the meeting at the camp near Enon.

Mr. George Winger led, and his ringing voice made a good lead for the singing. The subject, "Doubters Changed to Believers," proved an interesting one. The Scripture references and the exposition of them by the leader, Rev. Dr. Wilkinson, and others before of a helpful, honest nature, asking only a fair minded investigation of the truths of the Bible, and not a blind, unreasoning acceptance of them. Almost the entire attendance at these meetings is of young men, and they sing the gospel hymns in a very vigorous style.